

World of Missions.

The Sword and Christianity.

How far it is right to make use of sword and gun in order to prepare the way for civilization and Christianity is a question which puzzles many. Before the advent of Christ, when the Jewish Church and State were united, God sometimes directed the use of the sword for the destruction of heathen peoples who occupied territory given to Israel and whose influence was calculated to contaminate His chosen people. Conquest by force even for the sake of spreading truth and righteousness was, however, never commanded. The time for enlarging the church had not yet come.

Christ preached a Gospel for the whole world; He advocated and commanded the propagation of Christianity, but not by force. His method was the simple witness bearing by the lives and words of His followers empowered by the Holy Spirit. Peace between God and man, and between man and man on the basis of righteousness and love is the Gospel message. "They that take the sword shall perish with the sword." Christians as such are to be men of peace, battling only with spiritual weapons against evil in all its forms. Islam is a religion of the sword; Christianity is a religion of the Word. The one has conquered and maintained itself by physical force and is bound to fall; the other is conquering and establishing itself by preaching spiritual truth and practising self-sacrificing love, and is sure to prevail. The sword does not help the Word except in so far as it may destroy or limit the power of darkness. No nation has ever yet truly been converted to Christianity by force, and in India, China, and elsewhere use of the sword has undeniably prejudiced the people against the religion of their conquerors.

To-day, however, the State and the Church are separate, and their aim and methods are different. The one seeks to rule for temporal advantage, the other for spiritual and eternal welfare. Unfortunately the ideals of the State are growing further away from those of the Church. Consequently their principles and methods are different. Governments, as such, can not be called Christian, though many high in authority may be actuated by Christian principles. Selfishness characterizes the mass of politicians, and few indeed are the wars waged purely from Christian motives. The Almighty still, as in days of old, causes good to come out of evil, and a way for the messengers of the Kingdom of God may be opened by force of arms. This, however, cannot be called a Christian act, and is, we believe, opposed to the spirit and teaching of Christ. Christians are to go everywhere preaching the Kingdom, not relying on human but on Divine power; persecution is to be expected, but the only retaliation is to be by new acts of love overcoming evil with good.

To the Deaf.

A rich lady, cured of her Deafness and Noises in the Head by Dr. Nicholson's Artificial Ear Drums, gave \$10,000 to his Institute, so that deaf people unable to procure the Ear Drums may have them free. Address No 9926, The Nicholson Institute, 780, Eighth Avenue, New York.

THE HOME MISSION COMMITTEE

(Western Section)

will (D. V.) meet in the Lecture Room of

KNOX CHURCH, TORONTO

ON

Tuesday, 20th March, 1900

A 9.30 A. M.

Forms of application for mission work can be secured on application to the Secretary, the Rev. D. Somerville, Owen Sound, to whom the annual and half-yearly schedules should be sent prior to the 16th March.

ROBERT H. WARDEN, Convener.

A Revolt from Rome in Austria.

From numerous sources we have been hearing of a remarkable politico-religious movement in Austria. One protestant pastor is reported as having received twenty-five hundred Roman Catholics and their families into his church. Bohemia is experiencing a like transfer from the Roman communion, five thousand people being reckoned as already gone over to the Protestant churches. The Chr. Welt draws up a statement founded on records of the Vienna Church Council, chiefly, for the first six months of 1899, showing that the Lutheran and Reformed churches received 3,275 persons from the Romish church.

Mr F.W. Baelcker, writing from Styria to the Christian of London, says the movement is so great that it can not but be recognized, and various efforts are made to destroy the force of its being a religious movement at all. The Roman Catholic press says it is principally national and political. But it seems to be acknowledged that nine-tenths of the German population have been alienated from Rome. Mr. Baelcker thinks the real origin of the movement is in the pressure brought to bear on the people in 1868, by the Roman clergy, when they made a treaty with the Slavones. But the conduct of the Roman clergy in many ways is distasteful to the people and that of the Protestant pastors is more commendable, while here and there is found a Bible, and its influence is decidedly against the papal ecclesiastics. But one thing is plain, that the Roman church sternly pursues, and persistently persecutes these secessionists from its fold, and the fact remains that these people stoutly resist and endure this antagonism and loss, giving evidence that their transfer of allegiance is based on conviction and conscience.

This revolt from Rome affords an opportunity to carry the truths of evangelical religion to various provinces in Austria, through the distribution of the Scriptures and evangelical literature, and the appeal is made for aid to do this, by the Association for Christian Colportage, with Baron Gemmingen, of Baden-Baden, directing it. Of course, in a period of religious turmoil like this the danger is that many will slip from their old moorings to be swept away in the current of Rationalism. There is a "tide in the affairs of men." Such crises are a challenge to immediate work.—J. T. G. in the Missionary Review.

Notes.

There are 835,000 Protestant Christians in Dutch East India.

The New Hebrides Training institution, on Tangoa, Santo, has completed its first four years' course, and sent out its first class of graduates to labor among the heathen.

The Poona and Indian Village Mission has recently been increased by a fresh Australian contingent of 35 missionaries. Nine young men, who will form part of the party, arrived in Sydney from New Zealand.

In New Guinea, a little more than a quarter of a century ago, there was not a spot in that great island where the name of God was heard. Now 117 chapels can be pointed to where He is worshipped, and in those a large proportion of the people will be seen with open New Testaments in their hands.

We learn says the Missionary Review that the "Kellogg Memorial Presbyterian Church," which is to be erected at Landour, will consist of a neat and comfortable building, capable of seating from 200 to 250 persons, the cost of which would be about Rs. 10,000. The church will be for the use of the Presbyterian and Nonconformist troops, civil residents, and visitors to the station. As some corporate body of a permanent character should be made responsible for the care and security of the property, it is proposed to ask the missionary society—the American Presbyterian, with which Dr. Kellogg was connected—to hold the property in trust for the purpose for which it was erected.

A GIRL WHO WAS SAVED.

HAD SUFFERED FOR NEARLY 12 YEARS WITH ANAEMIA

Severe Headaches, Heart Palpitation, Nervousness and Extreme Feebleness made Her Life Miserable - Her Doctor told Her She Could Not Recover.

Doctors have given the Greek name anaemia meaning "bloodlessness," to a disease which is much more prevalent among young women than is generally believed. In its early stages the disease is not marked by any decided symptoms, and often makes considerable advance before its presence is noticed. A feeling of fatigue after slight exercise, breathlessness and palor of the face are the first noticeable signs. Unless there is prompt and effective treatment the disease then makes rapid progress and the victim presents every appearance of going into a decline or consumption. The only successful method of treating anaemia is to build up the blood and the best medicine in the world for this purpose is Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People.

Miss Adeline Dumas is one of the thousands of young ladies who can testify to the efficacy of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills in cases of anaemia. Miss Dumas resides with her parents on a farm near Linerie, France. One, To a reporter who called upon her for the purpose of getting the particulars of her illness and cure, Miss Dumas said: "Since I was about sixteen years of age I have been ailing more or less, but for a long time, except for periodical headaches, the trouble did not seem serious: About two years ago my case began to assume an alarming nature. The headaches came with greater frequency, I became very pale, and the slightest exertion would leave me breathless. I tried several medicines, but instead of finding benefit, I was steadily growing worse, until at last I was unable to do any household work, and had to sit in a chair almost the entire day. I had now become extremely nervous, and the least noise would set my heart wildly palpitating. I had neither desire nor relish for food, and the doctor who attended me finally said the trouble was incurable, and that he could do nothing more for me. I did not despair, however, but tried other medicines, but still without relief, and then I began to feel that death only would release me from my suffering. At this time a friend of mine brought me a newspaper in which was the story of the cure of a girl whose symptoms resembled mine, through the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and urged me to try them. I sent for a box, but they did not seem to help me, and I was afraid they would prove like other medicines, not suited to my case. My parents insisted that I should continue their use and my father got two boxes more. Before these were all used I had no longer any doubt that they were helping me, and I procured another half dozen boxes. They completely restored my health, and I am able to go about and do work with an ease I have not enjoyed for years before. I think Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are a blessing to the sick, and I always urge my friends who are not well to take them, and I will be glad if this statement is the means of bringing new courage and health to some other sufferer."

Rev. Matthew Kerr, for twenty-six years minister of Queen's street Church, Cork, has died in his seventy-fourth year.

Chicago University is to have an additional endowment of \$4,000,000 this month. Half of this comes from Mr. Rockefeller. This will increase the "substance," of the University to \$11,000,000.